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TO: DIRECTOR (109-12-201) NR. 71-24

FROM: LEGAT BUENOS AIRES (109-2)

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ON MARCH 23 AND 24, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS AN ARGENTINE ARMY COLONEL, CONNECTED WITH THE MILITARY ARMS FACTORY, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: (S) (U)

DURING THE EVENING OF MARCH 23, 1976, THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES MOVED TO END THE ^{CORRUPT AND FLOUNDERING} GOVERNMENT OF MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON. THROUGHOUT THE EVENING OF MARCH 23RD and THE MORNING OF MARCH 24, 1976, ARGENTINE MILITARY UNITS MOVED INTO PREARRANGED POSITIONS AND TOOK OVER ^{EFFECTIVE} EXECUTIVE CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. ^{VIRTUALLY NO} ~~VERY LITTLE~~ RESISTANCE TO THE ARMED FORCES' MOVE WAS ENCOUNTERED AND VIOLENCE WAS HELD TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. (S) (U)

ON MARCH 23 AND MARCH 24, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

THE MORNING OF MARCH 24, 1976, FOUND BUENOS AIRES AND ^{THE} ~~MORE~~ IMPORTANT CITIES OF ROSARIO AND CORDOBA UNDER COMPLETE ^{INTERVENTION} MILITARY CONTROL AFTER THE MILITARY CONVENTION WHICH COMMENCED (S) (U)

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DURING THE EVENING OF MARCH 23, 1976. ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES

CARRIED OUT THE INTERVENTION WITH A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF RESISTANCE
AND ARE IN EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.~~COMPLETE~~

NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS WANTED FOR ECONOMIC CRIMES AND MALFEASANCE OF OFFICE HAVE BEEN PICKED UP BY THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES. HOWEVER, TWO OF THE MOST SOUGHT INDIVIDUALS MANAGED TO ESCAPE DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MARCH 24, 1976. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE LORENZO MIGUEL, LEADER OF THE 62 ORGANIZATIONS, A POWERFUL LABOR CONFEDERATION, AND FORMER PRESIDENT HECTOR J. CAMPORA. PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ DE PERON HAS BEEN TAKEN TO AN ARGENTINE MILITARY INSTALLATION NEAR ^{IN SOUTHERN ARGENTINA,} ~~NEUQUEN~~ WHERE SHE IS BEING HELD UNDER CLOSE GUARD. WHEN ARGENTINE MILITARY PERSONNEL DETAINED MRS. PERON, SHE DREW A PISTOL FROM HER PERSON; HOWEVER, SHE WAS QUICKLY DISARMED BEFORE SHE COULD GET THE WEAPON TO USE. (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - THE FIRST SOURCE IS COLONEL JUAN CARLOS DURET, ARGENTINE MILITARY ARMS FACTORY. SECOND SOURCE IS COLONEL ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. (S) (U)

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

REMYCABS MARCH 23, 1976, INDICATING ARGENTINE MILITARY CONCERN (S) (U)

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THAT PRESIDENT PERON MIGHT ATTEMPT SUICIDE UTILIZING A PISTOL
SHE CARRIED ON HER PERON, AND ^S ^{MYCAB} MARCH 20, 1976, REPORTING THAT
THE ARGENTINE MILITARY WOULD INSTITUTE A COUP D'ETAT ON MARCH
23, 1976. ~~(S)~~ (U)

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ARGENTINE MILITARY FORCES
HAVE CLOSED OFF THE STREET ON WHICH THE U. S. EMBASSY IS LOCATED
IN BUENOS AIRES, AS WELL AS ACCESS STREETS TO ALL OTHER
DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN BUENOS AIRES, IN ORDER TO PREVENT
INDIVIDUALS BEING SOUGHT BY THE MILITARY FROM TAKING ASYLUM
IN THE VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. ALL INTERNATIONAL AND
DOMESTIC FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE BY
THE MILITARY. ~~(S)~~ (U)

LEGAT PERSONNEL ARE CONTINUING TO TAKE NECESSARY SECURITY
MEASURES.

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THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, a.i.

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA

On 3/24/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service provided the following information: (S) (U)

The military intervention against the Peronist Government was effectively carried out without serious opposition during the evening of 3/23/76 and the morning of 3/24/76. Numerous individuals wanted for economic crimes and malfeasance of office by the military have been picked up and are being transferred to military installations throughout the country. Two of the individuals who had been urgently sought somehow managed to escape during the morning of 3/24/76. These individuals are Lorenzo Miguel of the 62 Organizations and former President Hector J. Campora. (S) (U)

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JORGE ANTONIO

On 3/24/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) provided the following information: ~~(S)~~ (U)

On 3/23/76, on the eve of the military intervention, Admiral Emilio Massera met with Jorge Antonio for lunch. Several other prominent active duty military personnel have called on Antonio at his son's residence since his return to Argentina on 3/20/76. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA

On 3/24/76, an official of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service (SIE) advised as follows: (S) (U)

Argentine Army personnel went to the residence of retired Argentine Army Major Alberdi, who is also known as "Barbosa", during the evening of 3/23/76 to arrest him in connection with the military intervention. Alberdi had been identified by the SIE as a collaborator with the ERP. Before Army personnel could take custody of Alberdi, he committed suicide. (S) (U)

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ON MARCH 26, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
A RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE (AAIS), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

INTELLIGENCE RECENTLY ACQUIRED BY THE AAIS ESTABLISHED
THAT MARIO ROBERTO SANTUCHO, THE LEADER OF THE ARGENTINE
GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP),
RECENTLY FORWARDED A MESSAGE TO CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO
REQUESTING THAT 2,500 CUBAN TROOPS BE SENT TO ARGENTINA TO ASSIST
THE ERP IN CARRYING OUT GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD
EVENTUALLY LEAD TO THE DOWNFALL OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

SANTUCHO'S REQUEST WAS DENIED BY FIDEL CASTRO. THIS INTELLIGENCE (S) (U)

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HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF RECENT CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA TO MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES. ~~(S)~~ (U)

THE FOREGOING INTELLIGENCE WAS RATED A-1 BY THE AAIS INDICATING THAT BOTH THE SOURCE AND INFORMATION WERE JUDGED TO BE RELIABLE BY THE AAIS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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